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The Law on Prevention of Harm Induced by Tobacco Products
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Article 1. - The purpose of this law is to take measures to protect individuals from:

- Tobacco and tobacco products induced harm;
- The advertisements and promotional campaigns encouraging tobacco smoking habit.

Article 2. - The places where smoking tobacco and tobacco products is prohibited are as follows:

- Establishments providing health services;
- Establishments providing educational services;
- Establishments providing cultural services;
- Enclosed places where sports are practised;
- All kinds of public transport vehicles and their waiting-rooms;
- Enclosed workplaces having at least five employees and supplying public services

Separate places where smoking is permitted are designated in the aforementioned places. Measures such as isolation and ventilation are taken so that tobacco smoke in the designated smoking places can not enter non-smoking places.

Article 3. - Other prohibitions are as follows:

- All forms of advertising and promotion of tobacco and tobacco products by using names, brand names, and logos;
- Campaigns encouraging the use of tobacco and tobacco products.

The sale of tobacco and tobacco products to people under the age of 18 is also prohibited.

Article 4. - Warnings written with letters of at least 10 cm height, informing people of the prohibition of smoking, and the results of its violation are posted visibly in the places where smoking is prohibited. The person who is in charge of the place where smoking is prohibited is responsible for having the warnings posted.

The statement of "Warning required by law: Dangerous to health" is displayed conspicuously on every packet of tobacco and tobacco products produced in or imported into Turkey. Tobacco or tobacco products without having this statement can not be imported and/or sold.

Tobacco or tobacco products sold at duty free shops or brought to the country by a passenger are not subject to the provision mentioned in the second paragraph.

The Institution of Turkish Radio and Television and private television organizations must broadcast educational programmes on the dangers of tobacco smoking habit for at least 90 minutes a month.

Article 5. - Individuals smoking tobacco or tobacco products in the places where smoking is prohibited are required, being shown the statement posted, not to smoke by the person who is in charge of the

place. If they keep on smoking they will be required to leave the place. Individuals still insisting on smoking are compelled to leave by the police.

Article 6. - The administrative fines:

If a person who is in charge of the place where smoking is prohibited and not a public officer does not comply with the obligation imposed by the first paragraph of the Article 4 of this law, he (she) will be liable to a fine of 10 Million Turkish Liras.

If a person who is in charge of the place where smoking is prohibited and not a public officer does not warn smokers according to the Article 5 of this law, he (she) will be liable to a fine of 10 Million Turkish Liras. Individuals insisting on smoking in spite of being warned are also liable to the same amount of fine.

Pertinent legislation is applied to public officers who are in charge of the nonsmoking places if they do not comply with the obligations stated in this law.

Article 7. - The judicial fines:

Those who violate the first paragraph of the Article 3 and the second paragraph of the Article 4 are liable to a fine of 10-500 Million Turkish Liras. The upper limit is applied in case of repeating the violation.

Article 8. - The violators of the Article 6 are fined by the highest ranking civil authority of the province or district. The violators are notified of the fines decided according to the Law of Notification. Those fines decided according to this law are collected by the highest ranking financial officer of the locality according to the Law on Procedures for Collecting Public Claims (Law No. 6183). Objections against the administrative fines can be taken to the minor court within seven days.

Temporary Article 1. - The sales of tobacco or tobacco products produced in or imported into Turkey before the publication of this law will be continued for a duration of one year without taking the second paragraph of the Article 4 into consideration.

Temporary Article 2. - The designation of separate places according to the second paragraph of the Article 2, the removal of billboards banned according to Article 3, and the activities to be performed according to the first paragraph of the Article 4 must be completed within one year following the publication of this law.

Article 9. - This law comes into effect following its publication.

Article 10. - The Board of Ministers is responsible for the implementation of this law.